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# H. R. 2713

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 1993

Mr. ROWLAND (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL**  
4                               **EXPENSES FOR FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.**

5       (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 1728(a)(2) of title 38,  
6       United States Code, is amended—

7                       (1) by striking out “or” before “(D)”; and

1           (2) by striking out the semicolon at the end and  
2       inserting in lieu thereof “, or (E) for any disability  
3       of a veteran who is a former prisoner of war;”.

4       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5       subsection (a) shall apply with respect to hospital care and  
6       medical services rendered on or after the date of the enact-  
7       ment of this Act.

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